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## **News Release**

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### **Burnsville man sentenced to 18 months in prison for preparing false tax returns**

A 37-year-old Burnsville man was sentenced yesterday to 18 months in prison for preparing false tax returns.

United States District Court Judge Richard Kyle also sentenced Abdikarim Osman Mohamed to one year of supervised release Aug. 5 in Minneapolis. Mohamed pleaded guilty on May 30, and was indicted on March 20.

According to his plea agreement, Mohamed admitted that on Feb. 23, 2004, as a tax preparer he willfully aided in the preparation and presentation to the Internal Revenue Service of a Form 1040, U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, on behalf of another individual for the calendar year 2003 which was false and fraudulent. Mohamed did business in the name of Amal Tax Return in Minneapolis.

Mohamed prepared the return to include false claims for \$1,500 of education credits, when in fact he then knew that the taxpayer was not entitled to those credits. As a result of the false tax credits claimed, Mohamed willfully assisted in a fraudulent tax refund claim of approximately \$1,476. Mohamed also admitted to preparing 31 other false tax returns and the total tax loss he was involved in was approximately \$44,000.

This case was the result of an investigation by the IRS-Criminal Investigation Division, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael L. Cheever.